

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all our families are keeping safe and well.

Many of our pupils from reception, years one and year six, along with those whose parents are key workers, re-joined Churchfields from this week at both bases. I would like to thank pupils, parents and staff for the admirable way they approached this extremely challenging situation. This enabled the week to run smoothly with pupils and staff delighted to be back in each other's' company after such a long period in lockdown.

We are also mindful of the children who remain at home and continue to work through the learning packs provided by staff. Unfortunately we have received no further guidance regarding any possible further reopening of the remaining year groups but I will of course share any new plans with parents as and when they arise. In the meantime, please do continue to use the class email addresses to stay in touch with your child's class teacher who will respond as soon as time allows.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.



**To all our children and their families during the first week of term 6. To those who came back into school, we really appreciate how well you have listened and behaved whilst we all get used to a different sort of day in school. We also want to say thank you to all those who are still at home working hard and for sharing the wonderful activities you have been doing. We hope it won't be too long before we can all be together as a whole.**

Love Team Churchfields x

## Poets Corner

Lots of the teachers have been receiving some fantastic poems written during lockdown, and we thought it would be nice to collect these together and celebrate them in a book (like the Kestrels recipe book). So whether you've already written something, or you'd just like to give it a go, send your poems to Miss Ottner at [kestrels@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:kestrels@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk). We look forward to hearing about your experience of life in lockdown, or thoughts on our watery themes, or maybe you'd like to write about something completely different...

**All poems to be received by Wednesday 17th June please.**

The thing about writing a poem  
You never know where it will go  
You pick up your pen to get started  
Let the magical alchemy flow

Will it be bouncy and jolly  
Make all its readers wear grins?  
Or will it be quiet and thoughtful  
Exploring emotions within?

What will you choose from the structure?  
Not every poem must rhyme  
There's haikus and cinquains and limericks too  
Plenty more that won't fit on this line!

So do send us in all your poems  
I'd love to have a good look  
And to share the further, let more people see  
And publish them all in a book



Penguins

Every penguin's mum  
Can flop down on her tum  
She slides into the sea  
To catch fish for her tea

Where the penguins roam  
They also call their home

Every penguin dad  
Is never ever sad  
He keeps his eggs warm  
Protected from the storm

by Madelyn

Where the penguins roam  
They also call their home

All penguin chicks  
Make small penguin clicks  
They plod and they shuffle  
And make a kerfuffle

Where the penguins roam  
They also call their home



**We would like to say a massive thank you for the anonymous gift that arrived outside the entrance door at Atworth on Thursday morning.**

Mrs Genner caught a glimpse of a flash running past the door but wasn't quick enough to see who they were! Thank you for taking the time to show your appreciation it means an awful lot!

## Resources from School for homelearning

We sent out a message this week asking you to get in touch if you would like resources made available for those still at home and completing grids, spellings and worksheets from our website. If you would like resources from school please email your child's teacher on the class email. We will then let you know when we can arrange for you to come and collect them from school.

Thank you

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### Silly Squad Digital Summer Reading Challenge launches 5 June

Unfortunately we won't be able to run the regular Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries this year. However, the Reading Agency (who manage the challenge nationally) have created a digital version as an alternative which we will be promoting through our own social media channels and we hope many of your pupils will take part in. The theme for the digital challenge will be 'Silly Squad' and it will launch on Friday 5 June (earlier than the normal challenge, due to lockdown) ([readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/](https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/)).

The digital challenge platform will include a safe sign-up process, a personal profile area where children can set reading goals, review books, view book recommendations and access guides to e-lending. There will also be a forum to chat to friends, play games, download and print activities, as well as family activities with rewards and unlockable content to keep children and families engaged throughout the summer months. The platform will be free for children and families to use ([summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/))

We are planning to buy Silly Squad medals to give to children who complete the online challenge, which will hopefully be available from the autumn subject to availability. We have lots of children's eBooks and will be buying more over the next few weeks for those who may have difficulty accessing books ([wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks](https://wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks)). We will also be offering online activities throughout the summer to link into the challenge via our Facebook, Twitter and Youtube channels.

For more information about online library activities and useful information for families home schooling please see our active communities resource page: [wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-active-communities](https://wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-active-communities)

Please pass this information to your families, and if you or they have any queries please email me. I hope your pupils enjoy the challenge.

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